



**MINUTES**  
**MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 8, 2009**  
**Meeting No. 4**

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**PRESENT**

Members

Judi McIntyre  
Stefania Pflugbeil  
Alina Tarbhai

Staff

Linda Irvine, Manager, Parks & Open Spaces  
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Secretary

**REGRETS**

Regrets

Lana Champion  
Matthew Korchinski  
Salim Manji  
Joanne Olson  
Regional Councillor Tony Wong  
John Ryerson, Director of Culture

The fourth meeting of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:10 PM with Ms. Judi McIntyre presiding as Chair.

**1. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The Agenda was accepted as distributed.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 11, 2009**

Adoption of the minutes of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee held on March 11, 2009 was deferred to the next meeting since there was no quorum.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**A. Municipal Public Art Plan**

Ms. Linda Irvine, Manager of Parks and Open Spaces, reported that she and John Ryerson, Director of Culture plan to finalize the Markham Public Art Plan and submit it to Town of Markham Council on a timely basis.

**B. Liberty Developments – Cast Bronze Sculpture Update**

There were no developments to report.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Appointment of John Ryerson – Director of Culture**

Ms. Linda Irvine, Manager of Parks and Open Spaces, reported that Brenda Librecz, Commissioner Community & Fire Services, has appointed John Ryerson as the Town of Markham's first Director of Culture of the newly created Department of Culture. Mr. Ryerson had served as Acting Director since April 2007 as the result of restructuring in the Recreation Services Department. The Markham Public Art Advisory Committee congratulates John Ryerson on this significant achievement. The members are happy that Mr. Ryerson is part of the committee and are looking forward to his leadership in developing cultural policy and the Public Art Plan.

**B. Committee Budget**

Ms. Linda Irvine, Manager of Parks and Open Spaces, reported that Town of Markham Council did include a total of \$60,000 funding for the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee in the current Town of Markham budget. The Markham Public Art Advisory Committee appreciates the commitment that Town of Markham Council has made to the importance of art to a community and its reaffirmation of the committee's efforts to make art easily accessible to the Markham community at large.

It was agreed that Committee members will research and think about potential art events. The May and June Committee meetings will focus on developing project ideas and planning initiatives for the coming year.

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee will be held on May 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM, in the Ontario Room.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The fourth meeting of the Markham Public Art Committee adjourned at 7:45 PM.